

REMARKS

Claims 31-38 are pending in the present application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 35-38 are allowable. Applicants have amended claim 31 to clarify the compound structures and exclude compound 29. The amendment is supported at least in Tables 1 and 2 (Specification, pages 20-22), in Figures 3 and 4, in the claims as originally filed, and do not include new matter. Applicants address the remaining rejection in view of amended claims 31-34.

The Examiner rejected claims 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner alleged that claims 31-34 are indefinite for failing to set forth the definition for rings A, B, C and D, and also failing to define R2-R6 substituents. Furthermore, the Examiner alleged that the definition of "T" is unclear, and that the substituents on the phenyl groups are not attached to the ring. As amended, claim 31 defines the ring structure, the R2-R6 substituents attached to the phenyl ring, and also defines "T" as tetra. Accordingly, claims 31-34 are allowable, and Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.


In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.

273012011200. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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